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The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber, Trivandrum, at eleven of the clock on Monday, the 26th February 1951 with Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Point of Order regarding Resignation of the Ministry

Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: Sir, before we commence our business I wish to raise a point of order. It is seen from the newspapers that the Ministry has resigned, the Rajpramukh has accepted their resignation and the Ministers are now functioning as a care-taker Government. The point is as to whether, apart from carrying on routine administration till a new Ministry is formed, they can represent the Government in this House involving commitments of various kinds. Apart from their function in permanent legislations, even in answering questions they would be naturally committing the Goverment. I want to know whether they are allowed to do that and whether their sitting in the House itself can be allowed to continue until the new Ministry is formed.

Chief Minister **[Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai]:** Sir, on a word of personal explanation. There is, here, Sir, a mis-statement of facts. It is a fact that we have tendered our resignation, but the Rajpramukh has not accepted it. On the other hand, he has directed me and my colleagues to continue as Ministers till a new Ministry is constituted.

Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: Sir, I wish to say a word on this. I do not understand the Hon'ble Chief Minister when he says that the Rajpramukh has not accepted the resignation. Under the Constitution, when the Chief Minister has tendered his resignation, the Rajpramukh has no other go but to accept it. So, it may be taken as accepted. The Ministers function only with the majority support in the Legislature. When they tender their resignation that support is gone. So, the Rajpramukh, according to the Constitution, has no other course but to accept their resignation. All that the Rajpramukh can do is to allow them to continue to carry on routine administration until a new Ministry is formed. So, I wish to know whether the Ministers can function in this House in such a way as to commit the Government except to the extent of carrying on routine administration.

Mr. Speaker: With regard to the matter now raised there are communications received from the Government which will be placed before the House after question time. But in regard to the question whether the Ministers have the right to take part in the business of the House representing Goverement or whether they could carry on routine administration only, my own impression is that in view of the circumstance that this forms part of the business of the Government which has not been removed, the Ministers can continue to attend to that business. So, Questions and Answers can be proceeded with. The position taken by the hon'ble Member Sri. Thanu Pillai that their resignation has been accepted and hence they do not represent Government in this House does not seem to be correct. I am of the view that the Ministers can continue to function in respect of matters relating to this House. The business of the House will be proceeded with and after question

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[Mr. Speaker]

time after considering all the points raised here, I shall make a statement to the House regarding the position which arose owing to the resignation of the Ministry.

Sri. C. V. Iyyu: Sir, on another point of order. Suppose in answer to one question the Chief Minister says that "the matter will be considered", can that promise take effect when he goes away and another Ministry comes in? Now, in giving that answer, which Government they would be representing? That is doubtful. So, I am of the opinion that this Assembly should be prorogued.

Mr. Speaker: In regard to that question, a point of order has already been raised and a ruling given. A continuation of discussion on that matter will not be allowed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Oral Answers

(The numbers within brackets indicates the number in the list of admitted questions for the day)

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* ൭ ൦. (൧) ശ്രീ. ടി. ടി. കേൻവൻശാസ്ത്രി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) സംയോജനത്തിനു ശേഷം പുരാതനവസ്തുസംരക്ഷണം സംബന്ധിച്ചു എതെങ്കിലും പദ്ധതികൾ അംഗീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പ്രസ്തുത പദ്ധതികൾ ഏതെല്ലാം;

(സി) ഇതിൽ പ്രയോഗത്തിൽ വരുത്തിയ പദ്ധതികൾ ഏതെല്ലാം?

വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും, തൊഴിലും, സിവിൽസപ്ലൈസും വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

(എ) സംയോജനത്തിനുശേഷം പഴയ പദ്ധതികൾതന്നെ തുടർന്നു വരുന്നു.

(ബി) പുരാതന ശേഖരങ്ങൾ പുരാതന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ സംരക്ഷിക്കുക.

(സി) ഈ പദ്ധതികളെല്ലാം പ്രയോഗത്തിൽ വരുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

ശ്രീ. ടി. ടി. കേശവൻശാസ്ത്രി: ഈ പദ്ധതികളുടെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ ചുമതലകൾ കേന്ദ്രഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ഏറ്റെടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഇല്ല. സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലുള്ള ചില ancient monuments ഇൻഡ്യാഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ഏറ്റെടുക്കണമെന്നാണു് തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അങ്ങനെ ഈ രാജ്യത്തു് ഏതെല്ലാമാണു് ഏറ്റെടുക്കേണ്ടതെന്നു തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

ശ്രീ. ടി. ടി. കേശവൻശാസ്ത്രി: സംയോജനത്തിനു ശേഷം കൊച്ചി–തിരുവിതാംകൂർ പുരാതന വസ്തു സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഏകീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഉണ്ടു്. അവയെ എല്ലാം സംരക്ഷിച്ചുപോരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻശാസ്ത്രി: ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിന്റെ തലയ്ക്ഷൻ ആരാണു്?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ശ്രീ. അനിയൻ അച്ചൻ.

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